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TUBULAR INSERT

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**AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 05/30/06, please enter the following amendments and remarks. The term for reply has been extended by 3 months per the accompanied petition for extension. It is believed that no further fees are due with this response; however, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.